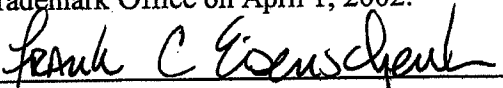


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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner, the references cited in the following patent application:

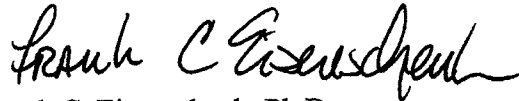
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As copies of the references cited on the attached form PTO-1449, can be found in patent application Serial Number 09/654,357, filed September 1, 2000, copies of those references are not provided herewith. The subject application, Serial No. 10/017,568, claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of the filing date of patent application Serial No. 09/654,357. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the copies of references supplied in the Information Disclosure Statement of the 09/654,357 application, as well as references cited during prosecution thereof, be made of record in this application.

Applicants respectfully assert that the substantive provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statements.

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